





### **Spotted Lanternfly**



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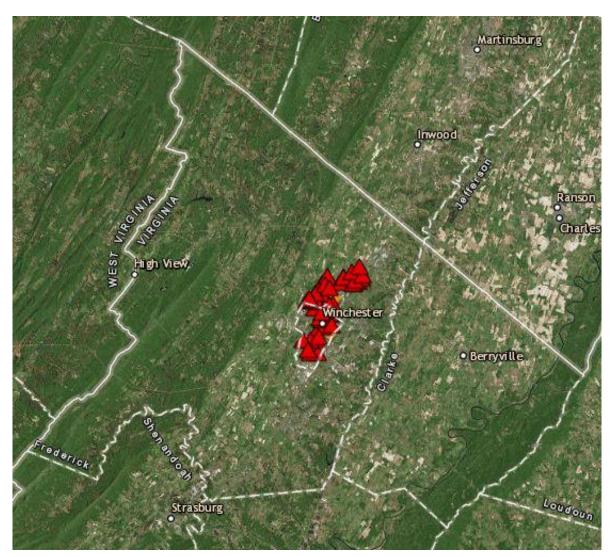


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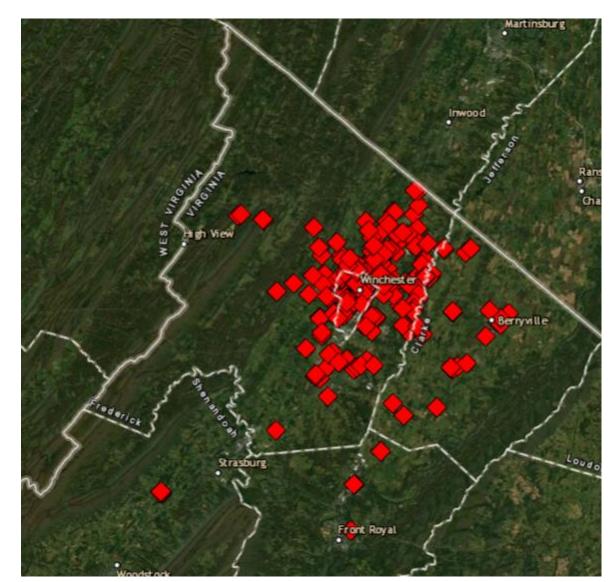
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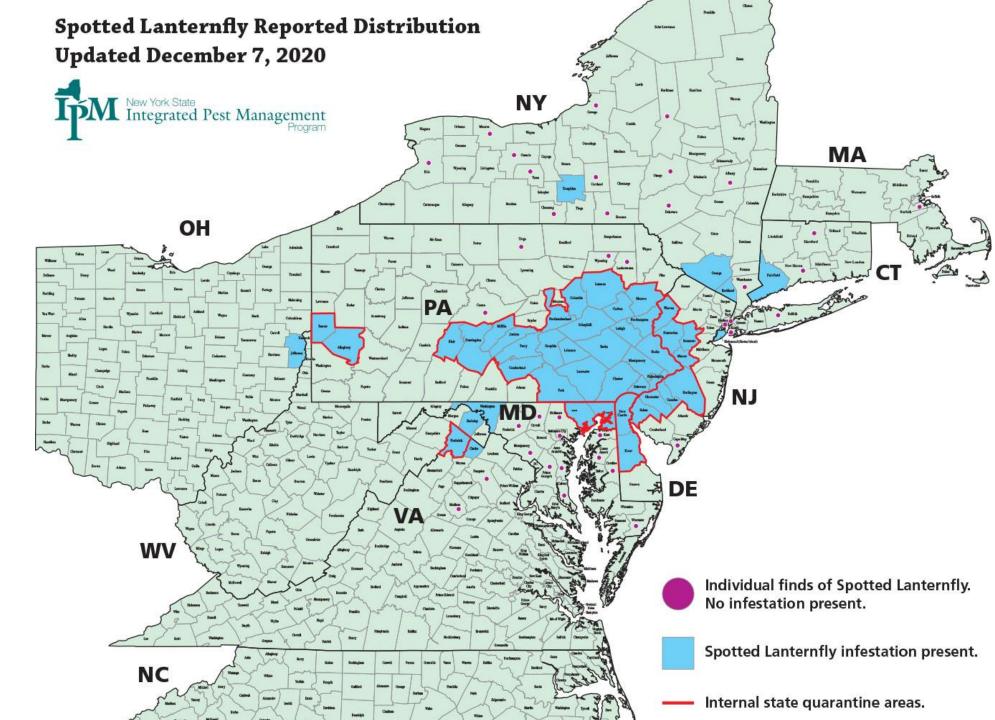
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- In 2020, populations found in Frederick, Warren, Clarke, Shenandoah, & Augusta counties



Spotted Lanternfly is moving with people

Trains and autos
Wood and
trucking



#### Threat of SLF

- Agriculture product quality
  - Apples & Grapes
- Other business implications (quarantine/permitting)
  - Stone, gravel, trucking, other regulated articles
- Nuisance pest for homeowners/landowners
- Agro-tourism
- Forestry and recreation



#### Hosts

- Grape
- Apple
- Birch
- Tree of heaven
- Peach
- Cherry
- Dogwood
- Lilac
- Maple
- Poplar
- Poison Ivy
- Likes smooth bark trees. Plants with certain toxins and plants that are relatively high in sugar.
- The host range is wider on the young spotted lantern fly and narrows as they mature.



### What Can Localities Do

- Monitor for SLF
  - Thank you to Environmental Services and Parks and Rec
  - Will continue to use volunteers and staff to monitor
- Support outreach efforts regarding SLF train staff
- Report sightings
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- Remove tree of heaven



## Questions?

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